



United States Mint Announces New America the Beautiful Quarters® Lesson Plans

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Educators Nationwide May Download Plans at www.usmint.gov/educators

WASHINGTON — The United States Mint unveiled new lesson plans on January 3, based on the 2014 America the Beautiful Quarters designs.

The lessons are free for educators looking to use coins in their classrooms, homes, or youth organizations at www.usmint.gov/educators.

In 2010, the United States Mint began to issue 56 quarter-dollar coins featuring designs depicting national parks and other national sites as part of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program. 2014 marks the fifth year of the program and features designs from the Great Smoky Mountains, Shenandoah, Arches, Great Sand Dunes, and Everglades national parks.

On January 27, 2014, the United States Mint will release its Great Smoky Mountains National Park circulating quarter-dollar. To complement the new coins, the United States Mint will offer K-12 educators free lesson plans based on each design.

“These coins, and all United States Mint coins, are natural jumping points for a variety of education activities and we make these lesson plans free to the public as part of our collection of over 400 lesson plans that teach about and through our Nation’s coinage,” said Kim Jenkins, Education Coordinator at the United States Mint. “These lesson plans are written by licensed teachers across the country and to national standards.”

This year’s lessons focus on mathematics, history, language, art, and science and blend clear instructions with student-friendly reproducible worksheets, background information, answer keys, and rubrics to provide everything an educator needs to connect children to U.S. coins.

About the United States Mint

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792 and became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873. It is the Nation’s sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces numismatic products, including proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver and gold bullion coins. The United States Mint’s numismatic programs are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to the taxpayer.

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